

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace paragraph [0030] with the following amended paragraph:

[0030] Axle 59 has an axle body 348 including a first end portion 350 and a second end portion 354. First end portion 350 has a plurality of circumferentially disposed splines 358 that protrude radially outwardly relative to an outer peripheral surface 362 of axle body 348 for engaging the splined inner peripheral surface 312 of axle mounting boss 308 of crank arm 60A as shown in Fig. 2. A radially outwardly extending projection in the form of a flange 366 is disposed formed at the extreme end of end portion 350 for abutting against the laterally outer surface of axle mounting boss 308 of crank arm 60A. Second end portion 354 of axle 59 has a threaded inner peripheral surface 368 (Fig. 2) and a plurality of circumferentially disposed splines 370 for engaging the splined inner peripheral surface 333 of axle mounting boss 331 of crank arm 60B. In this embodiment, splines 370 do not extend radially outwardly relative to the outer peripheral surface 362 of axle body 348. Instead, the splines 370 are flush with the outer peripheral surface of 362 of axle body 348. Second end portion 354 and axle body 348 thus are capable of freely passing through opening 308 in crank axle mounting boss 304 of crank arm 60A and through dust tube 104 and adapter assemblies 124A and 124B so that second end portion 354 of axle 59 extends into opening 332 in crank axle mounting boss 331 of crank arm 60B and flange 366 abuts against mounting boss 304 of crank arm 60A.